

# *"The Best Little Beach in Delaware"*



Fall 2018

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## *Celebrate*

*Preparations are underway for the  
50-year anniversary celebration for the  
incorporation of the Town of South Bethany.  
Celebrating the "Best Little Beach in Delaware" for 50 years!*



***Save the Date!***

***June 30, 2019, 1:00 pm to 4:00 pm  
Town Hall - Rain or Shine***

Original Town Hall  
with addition



Town Hall Today



## MESSAGE FROM THE MAYOR'S DESK

Another summer has come to an end. The summer of 2018 was eventful and very successful for the Town. The Town's week-long celebration for the fourth of July included a band concert, a prize-winning Town float in the Bethany Beach Parade, the opening of an Exercise Park by Town Hall and a movie on the beach. The effort by the committees and Town Staff to assure that all of this came about was truly amazing. Attendance at all events by South Bethany residents and visitors was outstanding. The effort contributed by everyone is what makes this

*"The Best Little Beach in Delaware".*

A major event that occurred this summer was the replenishment of sand to our beach and the reconstruction of our dunes. While this did not occur at the most opportune time of the year, the work by our Town Staff and the daily updates of beach crossover closures assisted our residents and visitors to have a good experience of our beaches. The Town Manager or I attended each of the Beach Replenishment meetings with the USACE, DNREC and the contractor to assure any issue observed was presented and remedied.

The Town Council continues to work on issues that are important to the property owners of the Town. The Canal Water Quality Committee was successful in placing floating wetlands throughout our canals and are currently working with The Woods Hole Group to evaluate our canals and the nutrient load that comprises the canal bottom. Our goal is to use the data generated to guide further measures in improving the water quality.

We have formed two ad-hoc committees. One will work on solutions for improving beach access for all of us. The second works toward determining long term capital costs for a variety of projects. Outputs from these committees will be coming forward this fall. We will be asking for your input, so please watch for Updates from the Town as we move forward.

I wish everyone wonderful Fall and Winter seasons. I look forward to meeting you at future events.

Tim Saxton  
Mayor

**FROM THE MANAGER'S DESK**

Maureen Hartman, Town Manager

The Town had a successful summer season with residents and many visitors enjoying our beach. Each year the South Bethany Beach Patrol members vote to determine which lifeguard is to be selected Lifeguard of the Year. Congratulations to our Lifeguard of the year, Katie Lee, and thank you for doing an outstanding job for South Bethany. We are also very happy to report that there were no serious injuries this beach season.

Every 5 years, the Town is required to prove compliance in order to maintain the community's current CRS Classification (Community Rating System). The CRS program allows most residents to receive a 10% discount on their flood insurance premium. Residents will be receiving information in the mail as part of the Community Outreach portion of the program. Much of this will seem repetitive; however, this is necessary for the Town to maintain credits and to keep the current classification.

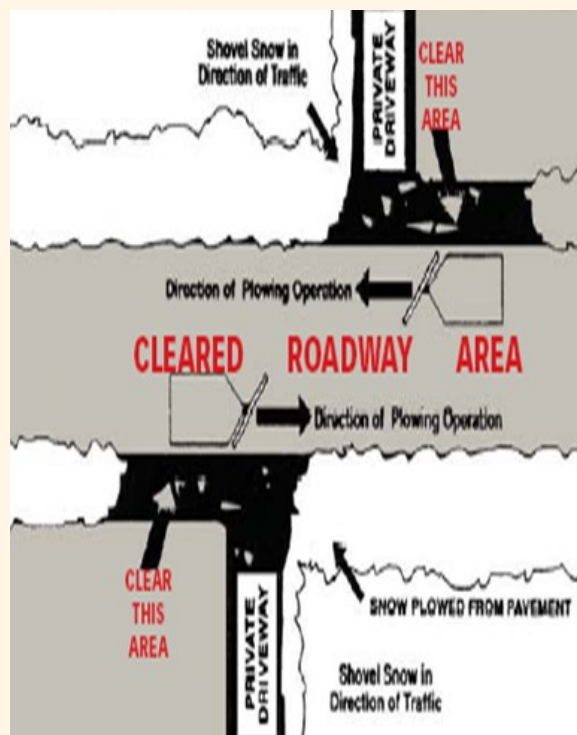
The Town's Public Works Department will soon begin routine winter projects.

These projects include trimming back growth from the rights-of-way, placing stone on road shoulders where needed, walkway repairs, and general Town maintenance. As a reminder, when winter rolls around and if plowing Town-owned roads becomes necessary, the Town is not responsible for maintaining private walkways or plowing private driveways. Please make arrangements with a snow removal contractor. Look in the local newspapers or online for advertisers prior to the snow season.

Very rarely do we receive as much snow as we did this past winter. But it still can happen! To lessen the chance of shoveling your driveway twice, here are a few tips, along with a diagram.

1. Create a 'landing strip'. Clear an area before the driveway where snow accumulated on the plows can land.
2. Go with the flow. Shovel snow in the same direction as traffic and pile snow downstream of the driveway.

Have a safe and enjoyable fall and winter!



## 2018 BEACH PATROL

Beach Patrol Picture courtesy of Leigh Dwyer Photography (LD-Photography.com)



2018 Lifeguard of the Year  
Katie Lee (Left)  
with Capt. Ryan Dacey

|               |  |
|---------------|--|
| First Row:    | Anthony Ritcher, Dante Copertino, Dane Zimmerman, Brandon Elliot, Ryan Riggione, Derek Budd, Claudia Guay                          |
| Second Row:   | Will Davis, Maggie Ford, Katie Lee, Ryan Dacey (Captain), Emily Mountain, Alex Trummer, Ben Davis, Billy Bonbright, Joe McGettigan |
| Third Row:    | Cully Hardman, Mike O'Reilly, Jack Stang, Gordy Scofield, Parker Pelham, Steve Deakyne, Chris McGervey                             |
| Fourth Row:   | Philip Kopunek, Cole Pelham, Sean McClory, Jim Ruback, Brad Bivens   |
| Fifth Row:    | Sebastian Weeks, Josh Chandlee, Ben Chandlee, Ruslan Kopunek   |
| Not Pictured: | Jack Fox, Mark Muller, Russel Littleton  |

# Save those dates!

The Communications and Public Relations Committee  
Will Again Sponsor Two Pot Luck Suppers  
Carol Stevenson, C&PR Committee Chair



**Saturday, October 27, at 6 p.m.** will be the date and time for a gala **Halloween Pot Luck Supper**. Watch for email updates to find out more! Bring a dish to share and meet your old friends and new neighbors. Halloween costumes are optional, and a contest will be held with prizes awarded.



**St. Patrick's Day** will be celebrated in South Bethany on **Saturday, March 16**. Everybody will be Irish at the South Bethany Town St. Patrick's Day Celebration. Start finding some green in your closet and come join the fun. Don't miss it! It's always a fun event. Watch your email updates for more information.

**Sunday, June 30, 2019**, will be the date of the South Bethany 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration. Don't miss the fun. Your Town, along with the South Bethany Property Owners Association, South Bethany Historical Society, and South Bethany Women's Club will sponsor the event. Bring your family to what is sure to be a wonderful party, with food supplied by SBPOA, music, gifts, prizes and fun for all.

**Come celebrate 50 years of "The Best Little Beach in Delaware!"**  
**Don't miss it!**



## 2018 8<sup>th</sup> ANNUAL ADOPT BEAUTY CONTEST WINNERS

Sue Callaway, CEC Chair

The Community Enhancement Committee (CEC) announced the winners of the **2018 8<sup>th</sup> Annual Adopt Beauty Contest** on August 17. Because of the generosity of our new sponsors, Inland Bays Garden Center, we awarded 1<sup>st</sup> (\$200), 2<sup>nd</sup> (\$100), and 3<sup>rd</sup> (\$50) place winners. Thanks to all South Bethany property owners who participated by voting. Sincere thanks to **ALL ADOPTERS** for your volunteerism! Your investment in our community makes a difference, and we hear many

compliments about the canal and road ends. A special thank you to Bobbe Stephan who helped Sue Callaway with contest logistics.

**First Place: Tammy & Pete Werner** – Kent Place Road End

**Second Place: Bryant & Olivia Elrod** – Rt. 1 Canal End between Sussex Place and Tern Dr.

**Third Place: Rich & Sue Juliano** – Brandywine Road End

*Interested in adopting a canal or road end? Please contact Sue Callaway at [sue.callaway@gmail.com](mailto:sue.callaway@gmail.com)*



### Get the Latest South Bethany News by Email!

By enrolling in the Town's Email Communications Program you will receive News Updates by email and you can choose to receive the ZEPHYR by email. To register, complete and submit the Homeowner Contact Information Sheet online at [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org) on the Homeowner Contact Information Sheet/Email Registration page. Complete the Email Communication Program Registration box at the bottom before submitting.


### Opt Out of Receiving Repeated Email News Updates

If you would like to opt out of receiving repeated email news updates, or if you have any questions about the Town's Email Communications Program, contact Pam Smith at:

[administrator@southbethany.org](mailto:administrator@southbethany.org)  
or  
302-539-3653, Ext. 219

### New Owner? Pick Up a Welcome Bag at Town Hall

If you have not received a South Bethany Welcome Bag, please stop by Town Hall. The welcome bag contains info on code requirements for trash, recycling, and yard waste collection, a collection calendar, general info & beach rules, how to reduce pollutants running into the canals, how to participate in the Adopt-a-Canal/Road-End Program, a guide to walking safely in town, info on organizations in South Bethany, and SB trinkets.

**Follow us on Facebook:** The Town's Facebook page provides useful information on weather alerts and Town updates, as well as other special interests happening in and around the area. Search Facebook for **South Bethany Town Hall** OR on the Home page of the Town's website click or tap **Find us on** 

Do you have a Facebook page? "Like us on Facebook"!

**AVAILABLE NOW**

View and pay your tax bill online by clicking the "Online Tax Inquiry/Payment" link on the home page of the Town's website, [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org). If you need assistance, contact the Finance Director, Renee McDorman at:

302-539-3653 x 215

[financial@southbethany.org](mailto:financial@southbethany.org)

**RENTAL TAX DUE  
OCTOBER 31, 2018**

Rental taxes shall be due and payable to the Town no later than October 31 of each year and shall cover the prior period of October 1 to September 30. Rental Tax remains at 8% of total gross receipts collected for each residential and commercial property.

**NO WAKE ZONES**

All waterways from our canals to the Little Assawoman Bay are posted "NO WAKE" zones and will be enforced as such.

**HELP KEEP OUR  
BEACH AND TOWN CLEAN**

Dog excrement has been seen along the beach. Everyone is asked to clean up after their dogs and not dispose of dog excrement in someone's private trash container. Please adhere to these Town ordinances:

§ 30-5. Removal of excrement. The owner shall carry and use a bag or other device to pick up and remove any excrement said dog shall drop on property other than their own.

§ 114-5E. It shall be unlawful to place or deposit any animal excrement into any cart, bin, can, or container that is not the property of the animal owner or the Town.

**HONORARY/MEMORIAL BRICKS**

Buy an honorary/memorial brick located around the Town Hall flagpole. To order, download the order form from the Forms page of the Town's website or contact Town Hall to request the form. Return the completed form and payment of \$100 to Town Hall.

**IMPORTANT**

Properly winterize your home – we receive many calls for frozen pipes. Also prepare for storms – remove or secure all outdoor items. Boats also need to be secure.

**BETHANY BEACH  
VOLUNTEER FIRE COMPANY**

Please support the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Company (BBVFC) in their fund-raising efforts. The fire service is completely separate from the ambulance service. The ambulance fee you pay with your Town Taxes is for the ambulance service only and does not benefit the fire service. The following is the web address to the Bethany Beach Volunteer Fire Co. Donation Page:

<http://bethanybeachfire.com/page/donations>

You can also access the donation page from the Local Links page of South Bethany's website, [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org).

**MONITORING THE TROPICS  
AND CONDITIONS**

The Sussex County Emergency Operations Center encourages residents and visitors to continue monitoring the tropics and conditions. Stay tuned to local television and radio stations and the following Sussex County internet resources:

Sussex County EOC Website:

<https://sussexcountyde.gov/emergency-operations-center>

Sussex County's hurricane homepage:

<https://sussexcountyde.gov/hurricane-information>

Facebook:

[www.facebook.com/SussexCountyDE](http://www.facebook.com/SussexCountyDE)

Twitter:

[www.twitter.com/sussexde\\_govt](http://www.twitter.com/sussexde_govt)

YouTube:

<https://www.youtube.com/user/SussexCountyDelaware>

The public should also monitor the National Weather Service NOAA Weather Ready Nation homepage:

<http://www.weather.gov/wrn/>

**TRASH , RECYCLING,  
& YARD WASTE CALENDAR**

The current 2018 calendar is posted on the Property Owner Information page of the Town's website. The 2019 calendar will be posted on the Town's website at the end of December. Paper copies of the 2019 calendar will be available at Town Hall the end of December.

**TRASH COLLECTION**

October through April: Mon.  
May and September: Mon. & Sat.  
June, July, & Aug.: Mon., Thurs., and Sat.

Recycling Collection  
May through September: Every Fri.  
Remainder of the year: Every other Fri.

Yard Waste Collection  
Year Round: Every other Wed.

**EMERGENCY PREPAREDNESS**

The Police Department is finding when incidents occur the Town does not often have current contact information for property owners. These incidents are typically routine property checks, alarms, or broken water pipes where a quick response from the property owner is important! Please be sure your information on file with Town Hall is accurate in case we need to reach you. Update your contact information on the Homeowner Contact Information Sheet/Email Registration page of the Town's website, [www.southbethany.org](http://www.southbethany.org), by completing the form and clicking the submit button at the bottom of the page. If you prefer you can call Town Hall at 302-539-3653 Ext. 218 to have your contact information updated.

**SBPOA**

Interested in the South Bethany Property Owners Association's Neighborhood Watch Program or South Bethany T-shirts and other apparel items? Visit the South Bethany Property Owners Association (SBPOA) website:

<http://www.southbethanypoa.com/index.php>

Or Email

SBPOA President Joe Mormando:

[jmsbpoa2017@gmail.com](mailto:jmsbpoa2017@gmail.com)

The South Bethany Property Owners Association is independent of the Town of South Bethany government.

## FROM THE CODE CONSTABLE

(Joseph Hinks)

### News and updates:

- **The entire Town of South Bethany is in a floodplain.** If you would like to see a map of the flood zone that affects your property visit this link and select the NFHL Viewer:  
<https://www.fema.gov/national-flood-hazard-layer-nfhl>
- Consider getting a **NEW Elevation Certificate**. Insurance companies and FEMA use Elevation Certificates as a tool in determining your individual flood risk. Old Elevation Certificates may have used outdated benchmarks that are now unacceptable for rating properties. For help understanding the Elevation Certificate please visit this link. If you are unable to use this link, call my office and I will assist you.  
<http://www.fema.gov/media-library/assets/documents/160>
- DNREC has a handy site for finding information concerning your flood risk. Click on the search tab and enter your address.  
<http://maps.dnrec.delaware.gov/floodplanning/default.html>
- If you have questions regarding Elevations, Flood Maps, or Flood Risks, please call my office and I will assist you with the information we have on file for your property.
- To assist you in preparing for a Hurricane and Emergencies please visit <https://www.ready.gov/>
- **IF YOU ARE UNDER A FLOOD WARNING, FIND SAFE SHELTER RIGHT AWAY.** Do not walk, swim, or drive through flood waters. **Turn Around, Don't Drown!**

### As the fall and wintertime season approaches here are some reminders regarding our Town Code:

- **Vegetation** - It has been a great year for the plants and grasses but we need to be ever aware not to create a safety hazard for our Town. Please take time to look over your property to see if your plants or trees might be unsafe or creating a traffic hazard for you or your neighbors. The code for these items is included here for convenience. 104-12 states the following:
  - Vision clearances.** The owner of a corner property shall maintain adequate vision clearance at corners by not allowing plantings, shrubbery, bushes, or other vegetation or beautification mounds, including their vegetation, to exceed three feet in height above the grade of the street surface within 10 feet of the intersection of the right-of-way lines of the two streets in accordance with the provisions of §§ 145-9 and 145-13.
  - Encroachments.** No property owner shall allow any bush, shrub, tree, planting or other vegetation to encroach onto or into the streets, alleys, canals, or other Town rights-of-way in accordance with § 125-2 of this Code.

- Underbrush; dead wood.** All lots shall be kept free of dead trees and accumulations of invasive or noxious vegetation. All lots shall be kept free of unreasonable accumulations of underbrush, limbs, and branches as would constitute a fire or health hazard.

### Some wintertime tips:

1. Keep gutters clean of tree debris to promote proper roof drainage. If gutters are clogged damage to the fascia boards, interior leaks in walls and the growth of mold and mildew can occur in a very short time.
2. When ice and snow cover concrete driveways and sidewalks avoid using salt based ice melting products. Salt is very damaging to concrete. Instead try using a calcium or magnesium based ice melt product. These products melt ice and snow very quickly and are less hazardous to the environment.
3. Consider a home energy evaluation. For more information about how this can save you money visit this handy website:  
<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/heat-and-cool/home-energy-audits>
4. Now is a good time to check your smoke detectors. Smoke detectors, like most things, require maintenance and it is recommended to test them monthly. Did you know that having working smoke detectors properly installed increases your chances of surviving a fire by almost 50%?
5. Have fuel burning equipment tested and serviced by a professional.
6. Make sure your dryer vents are clear of lint. Blocked vents can often lead to fires in the house.
7. Consider installing a CO detector. Carbon monoxide is an odorless, tasteless and toxic gas. CO can kill you before you are aware of it in your home. At lower levels CO causes mild effects that are often mistaken for the flu. The effects of CO exposure can vary greatly from person to person depending on age, overall health and the concentration and length of exposure. CO originates from many sources such as but not limited to: leaking chimneys and furnaces, gas water heaters, wood stoves and fireplaces to name just a few.
8. Finally keep all important phone numbers in a place easily accessible in case of emergency.

Wishing you a safe and warm winter season.

If you need to contact me, the phone number is 302-539-3653 x211.



## ORDINANCE/RESOLUTION REVIEW

**Ordinance 191-18**, to Amend the Code of the Town of South Bethany Chapter 104, Property Maintenance, Article II, Grass and Weeds, § 104-8, Notice; enforcement; appeals; penalties for offenses, to remove the requirement that annual notices sent to property owners are sent only by first class mail and to modify notification procedures: Had its first reading on April 13, 2018; had its second reading on April 26, 2018; and had its third reading and adoption on May 11, 2018.

**Ordinance 192-18**, to Amend the Code of the Town of South Bethany Chapter 114, Solid Waste, Article III, Solid Waste Management, § 114-7, Annual notification; violation; penalties; notice; enforcement; and appeal, to remove the requirement that annual notices sent to property owners are sent only by first class mail and to modify notification procedures: Had its first reading on April 13, 2018; had its second reading on April 26, 2018; and had its third reading and adoption on May 11, 2018.

**Resolution 3-18**, to recognize Pat Voveris. Was adopted on June 28, 2018.

**Resolution 4-18**, to recognize Tim Shaw. Was adopted on June 28, 2018.

**Resolution 5-18**, to recognize Don Chrobot. Was adopted on July 26, 2018.

**Resolution 6-18**, to acknowledge the submittal of the Outdoor Recreation, Parks and Trails (ORPT) 2018 Park Grant Application. Was adopted on August 23, 2018.

**Note: You may view these ordinances and resolutions on the Bulletin Board page of the Town's website or at Town Hall.**

### ACCESSING THE TOWN OF SOUTH BETHANY CODE:

Access the Code on the Town's website by clicking Town Code on the left side of the Home page or access the Code on the Local Links page.

**CALENDAR OF EVENTS:** (Meeting dates and times are subject to change)

|              |           |  |
|--------------|-----------|--|
| Oct. 12      | 6:00 p.m. | Town Council Regular Meeting                 |
| Oct. 25      | 3:00 p.m. | Town Council Workshop Meeting                |
| Nov. 9       | 6:00 p.m. | Town Council Regular Meeting                 |
| Nov. 12      | _____     | Town Hall Closed - Veterans Day              |
| Nov. 22 & 23 | _____     | Town Hall Closed - Thanksgiving              |
| Dec. 14      | 6:00 p.m. | Town Council Regular Meeting                 |
| Dec. 24 & 25 | _____     | Town Hall Closed—Christmas                   |
| Jan. 1       | _____     | Town Hall Closed—New Year's                  |
| Jan. 21      | _____     | Town Hall Closed—Martin Luther King, Jr. Day |
| Feb. 8       | 6:00 p.m. | Town Council Regular Meeting                 |
| Feb. 18      | _____     | Town Hall Closed—Presidents' Day             |
| Feb. 28      | 3:00 p.m. | Town Council Budget Workshop Meeting         |
| March 8      | 5:00 p.m. | Public Meeting on FY2020 Draft Budget        |
| March 8      | 6:00 p.m. | Town Council Regular Meeting                 |
| March 28     | 3:00 p.m. | Town Council Budget Workshop Meeting         |
| April 12     | 6:00 p.m. | Town Council Regular Meeting                 |
| April 19     | _____     | Town Hall Closed—Good Friday                 |
| April 25     | 3:00 p.m. | Town Council Workshop Meeting                |

**TOWN HALL TELEPHONE & EXTENSIONS**

| <u>TITLE</u>               | <u>NAME</u>     | <u>EXT.</u>  |
|----------------------------|-----------------|--------------|
|                            | Town Hall       | 302-539-3653 |
| Town Manager               | Maureen Hartman | 213          |
| Administrative Assistant   | Pam Smith       | 219          |
| Finance Director           | Renee McDorman  | 215          |
| Town Clerk                 | Janet Powell    | 218          |
| Code Enforcement Constable | Joseph Hinks    | 211          |
| Public Works Supervisor    | Jon Stiffler    | 216          |
| Maintenance Worker         | Rick Gentile    | 216          |
| Chief of Police            | Troy Crowson    | 224          |
| Police Sergeant            | Lee Davis       | 223          |
| Police Corporal            | Patrick Wiley   | 214          |
| PFC                        | Nate Hudson     | 212          |
| Administrative Assistant   | Coleen Meyer    | 521          |

**TOWN COUNCIL PHONE NUMBERS**

|                               |                  |              |
|-------------------------------|------------------|--------------|
|                               | Town Hall        | 302-539-3653 |
| Mayor                         | Tim Saxton       | Ext. 555     |
| Councilmember (Mayor Pro-Tem) | Sue Callaway     | Ext. 552     |
| Councilmember (Secretary)     | Carol Stevenson  | Ext. 551     |
| Councilmember (Treasurer)     | Don Boteler      | Ext. 553     |
| Councilmember                 | Frank Weisgerber | Ext. 556     |
| Councilmember                 | Jimmy Oliver     | Ext. 550     |

**IMPORTANT NUMBERS TO REMEMBER**

|   |                |  |                           |
|---|----------------|--|---------------------------|
| Police Department (Emergency/Non-Emergency):                      | (302) 539-3996 | Delaware Health & Social Services (Georgetown):  | (302) 515-3300            |
| Emergency:  | 911            | Republic Services (Trash, Recycling, Yard Waste) | (800) 762-8888            |
| Non-Emergency (State Police):                                     | (302) 855-2980 | Delaware Solid Waste Authority (Landfill):       | (800) 404-7080            |
| DNREC (Div. of Fish and Wildlife):                                | (800) 523-3336 | Artesian:  | (302) 684-2527            |
| (for boating/crabbing complaints outside of Town limits)          |                | Miss Utility:                                    | (800) 282-8555            |
| (Mosquito Control Office and reporting dead birds):               | (302) 422-1512 | Sharp Energy (Emergency):                        | (302) 856-6648            |
| USCG National Response Center:                                    | (800) 424-8802 | (Complaint):                                     | (302) 539-7898            |
| (report oil spills/chemical releases/maritime security incidents) |                | Town Hall:                                       | (302) 539-3653            |
| Poison Control Information Center:                                | (800) 222-1222 | Fax (Town Hall):                                 | (302) 539-7576            |
|   |                | Fax (Police):                                    | (302) 539-7545            |
|   |                | E-mail:  | townhall@southbethany.org |

**Reporting Algae Blooms:** Property owners are encouraged to send emails to [Scott.Figurski@state.de.us](mailto:Scott.Figurski@state.de.us) or [Robert.Shockley@state.de.us](mailto:Robert.Shockley@state.de.us) to contact the Macroalgae Harvesting Team. Your name, email address, and daytime telephone number are required in the email. If you have the GPS coordinates, please include them in the email. Or submit information by mail to Macroalgae Harvesting Team, Shoreline and Waterway Services Facility, 901 Pilottown Road, Lewes, DE 19958 or phone 302-855-7290. [www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/Shoreline/Pages/Macroalgae.aspx](http://www.dnrec.delaware.gov/swc/Shoreline/Pages/Macroalgae.aspx)



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